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1. SUMMARY. FOURTH DAY OF LSC DEVOTED TO CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ON MOON TREATY. IN LATTER AREA, SOVIETS INFORMALLY AND ON A NOT FOR ATTRIBUTION BASIS SUGGESTED INFORMAL ANONYMOUS WORDING UTILIZING COMMON HERITAGE PRINCIPLE IN EFFORT TO BREAK DEADLOCK WHICH BRAZIL AND MEXICO QUOTED WITH INTEREST, BUT OTHER LDCS FOUND UNACCEPTABLE. IN GENERAL DEBATE OF EIGHT DELS MAKING STATEMENTS AUSTRIA, UNITED KINGDOM, PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, AND US MADE STATEMENTS ON NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN SPACE.

2. IN GENERAL DEBATE, AUSTRIAN DELEGATION STATED IT WAS READY TO JOIN IN A CLEAR-CUT CRITERION FOR THE DEFINITION OF OUTER SPACE BUT HAD NO STRONG FEELING AS TO WHERE THE OUTER SPACE LIMIT SHOULD BE. NOTED SUGGESTIONS PUT FORTH BY OTHER DELEGATIONS ON NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES MERIT CONSIDERATION.

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3. UNITED KINGDOM DEL, ASHLEY GREENWOOD, STATED COSMOS 954 EVENT WAS MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENING AND LSC SHOULD ENTER INTO SOME PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE ADEQUACY OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND OF THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL. REITERATED ITS 1977 POSITION THAT PRINCIPLES ARE NOT NEEDED IN DIRECT BROADCAST FROM SATELLITES AREA BECAUSE OF 1977 WARC. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PRINCIPLE

CANNOT BE COMPROMISED, AND NO AGREEMENT OR CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT FOR SPILLOVER. IN REMOTE SENSING, EMPHASIZED FREEDOM TO COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION. REAFFIRMED THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT IS IN OUTER SPACE.

4. PHILIPPINES DEL EMPHASIZED CLEAR DANGER POSED BY NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN OUTER SPACE, AS EVIDENCED BY COSMOS 954. NOTED THAT LDCS COULD BE SUBJECT TO SAME EXPERIENCE AS CANADA. SUPPORTED COMMON HERITAGE PRINCIPLE IN MOON TREATY.

5. INDONESIAN DEL NOTED THAT WITH NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES, SAFETY OF MANKIND WAS PARAMOUNT. ON MOON TREATY, SUPPORTED INCLUSION OF COMMON HERITAGE PRINCIPLE. IN DIRECT BROADCAST FROM SATELLITE, EMPHASIZED NEED FOR PRIOR CONSENT.

6. TURKISH DEL SUPPORTED INCLUSION OF COMMON HERITAGE PRINCIPLE IN MOON TREATY AND NEED TO BALANCE FREE DISSEMINATION AND SOVEREIGN RIGHTS IN DIRECT BROADCAST FROM SATELLITES. YUGOSLAVIAN DEL EMPHASIZED THAT ARTICLE 1 OF THE 1967 OUTER SPACE TREATY WAS MOST IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE IN INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW.

7. WORKING GROUP 1 ON THE MOON TREATY MET IN INFORMAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINI GROUP. SOVIETS SUGGESTED A REFERENDUM WORDING TO BREAK DEADLOCK AS FOLLOWS: "FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS TREATY, THE MOON AND ITS NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND. THIS NOTION SHALL BE APPLIED STRICTLY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS TREATY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ARTICLES BLANK, BLANK, AND BLANK." MEXICO AND BRAZIL THOUGHT THIS WAS A BASIS UPON WHICH NEGOTIATIONS COULD FRUITFULLY CONTINUE. INDIA AND CHILE, AMONG OTHERS, STATED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL LIMITED SCOPE OF CONCEPT OF COMMON HERITAGE AND WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE. 1973 AUSTRIAN PAPER, TOGETHER WITH US, USSR AND G-77 PAPERS, IS BEING USED AS A BASIS FOR MINI GROUP'S CONTINUING WORK. VANDEN HEUVEL

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